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The following Annual Report is made up of several parts. The first part consists of a discussion of the growth of the collections, with some general remarks on other matters that have characterized the report year. Appendix I, by Miss Alice Bonnell, Assistant Special Collections Librarian, includes a statistical summary of the year's work and a discussion of the care and organization of the collections. Appendix II, by Mr. Kenneth Lohf, Assistant Special Collections Librarian--Readers' Services, reports on the use of the collections. Appendix III, by Miss Joan Baum, assistant to the Head of Special Collections, lists the details of the exhibitions program of the Division during the report year.

A. Acquisitions by Gift

The report year 1956-1957 has seen gift acquisitions of valuable research materials reach the Department of Special Collections on a well-nigh unprecedented scale. Six major collections of papers and books were received, and the project of obtaining gift funds to enable the University to purchase a seventh collection, the John Jay Papers, was well along toward completion as the report year ended. A brief resume of the content and circumstances of these gifts may be useful.

1. The Otto Rank papers. Dr. J. Jessie Taft, of Flourtown, Pennsylvania, has for some years been at work on the writing of a biography of Otto Rank, well-known psychotherapist and one-time associate of Sigmund Freud. In forwarding her researches, Dr. Taft gathered together a remarkable collection of the letters, papers, and literary manuscripts of her subject, and these she has presented to the Columbia University Libraries. Dr. Taft also presented the original

manuscript of Freud's Massenpsychologie und Ich-Analyse, covering 104 foolscap pages in Freud's distinctive handwriting. Included in this gift were two other shorter manuscripts of Freud's writings.

Learning of Dr. Taft's gift, Mrs. Pierre Simon of Paris added substantially to the collection by presenting a group of manuscripts by and about Otto Rank, Mrs. Simon's former husband, including the introduction and part of the text of his Beyond Psychology—his only work originally written in English.

2. The John Erskine Papers. Mrs. Helen Worden Erskine, widow of the late John Erskine (A.B. 1900, A.M. 1901, Ph.D. 1903), presented the papers, manuscripts, published works, and memorabilia of her illustrious husband. The formal presentation was made at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Columbia Libraries on January 16, 1957. The papers constitute not only a fitting memorial to one of Columbia's most famous sons, but also a valuable asset to scholarship and a lasting inspiration to coming generations of students.

3. The Federated Press Papers. Through the generosity of Mrs. Carl Haessler and Miss Alice Citron, the accumulated files of the Federated Press, comprising the equivalent of nearly 100 correspondence file drawers, were presented on November 7, 1956. Between the two World Wars the Federated Press, among the oldest of such services in existence, furnished specialized news releases for labor newspapers. The files consist of copies of all mimeographed releases of news and feature stories, a morgue, cuts of persons and scenes, and such correspondence as still survives. In the opinion of Professor Sigmund Diamond of the Department of Sociology, the collection is "invaluable for students of the history of the American labor movement" since World War I.

4. Madame Curie Correspondence. Mr. William Brown Meloney (A.B. 1927) presented an extremely valuable group of 182 letters, cards, and telegrams that passed between his mother, the late Marie Mattingly Meloney, and Madame Curie. The

correspondence began in 1920 and continued until Madame Curie's death in 1934, and it deals with personal and biographical matters as well as those pertaining directly to science. More recently Mr. Meloney has added three magnificent items to this collection, including the original draft in French of Madame Curie's address of acceptance delivered when she was presented with a gram of radium for use in her experiments (one page, dated May 22, 1921); a draft of the same speech in English with suggested changes in pencil by the donor's father, Col. William Brown Meloney, and dated May, 1921, by him; and, finally, an eleven-page article in English in Mme. Curie's hand, giving her impressions of America on the occasion of her visit in the Spring of 1921 to receive the gift of radium.

5. The George Macy Memorial Collection. Mrs. George Macy presented more than 300 volumes in order to establish at Columbia "The George Macy Memorial Collection" of books issued by the Limited Editions Club since its inception in the Fall of 1928. At a special ceremony in the Rotunda on May 14, 1957, the presentation was made by Sir Francis Meynell on behalf of Mrs. Macy in honor of her late husband (1921 C). As part of the gift, Columbia University will receive all future issues of the Limited Editions Club.

6. The Harrison Papers. Mr. George Leslie Harrison, a member of the Board of Trustees of Columbia University, presented his papers relating to the Federal Reserve System. This collection is of exceptional interest, because it makes available to scholarship the detailed records of one who was concerned with the administration of the Federal Reserve System from its inception to World War II. Mr. Harrison joined the System in 1914 as Assistant Counsel to the Federal Reserve Board, just two weeks before the Federal Reserve Banks opened; he remained with the System until he resigned as President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in 1941, an office he had filled since 1928 (the title was changed from Governor to President in 1936).

"The George Leslie Harrison Papers on the Federal Reserve System", as the collection is officially titled, give an insight into the development and operations of this country's credit and monetary systems, domestic financial problems, foreign loans, and international credit relations. They reflect the tensions and negotiations between the Bank, the Board, and the Treasury through the critical periods of inflation, the crash of 1929, the depression, and the years leading up to World War II.

7. The John Jay Papers. This report must include mention of the year's primary acquisition, the John Jay Papers, even though as the report year ended the project of obtaining donated funds for the purchase of this collection had not been completed. Two of the three equal installments had been met, but the final $25,000, due on July 17, was yet to be raised.

The John Jay Papers had been surveyed by the Head of Special Collections in 1953 while the owner, Mrs. Arthur Iselin (great-great-granddaughter of John Jay) was still living. The proposal at that time was that the papers and estate (that is, the acreage including and immediately surrounding the original John Jay mansion, Bedford Place) would come as a gift to Columbia, providing that the papers and library would be kept in the mansion, and that the estate would be maintained as a public monument. After negotiations, this arrangement was not approved by the University Trustees, and the matter was left for further investigation.

Meanwhile, Mr. Roland Elderkin had been employed to list the papers and the books in the library, and arrangements were made to microfilm the papers to ensure preservation of the texts. Columbia moved in with microfilm equipment and two copies of the film were made--one for Mrs. Iselin and one for Columbia.

Shortly thereafter, while negotiations were still under way, Mrs. Iselin's death occurred. Some of the heirs were minors, and it was now impossible for any

part of the estate to be given to Columbia. In the late summer of 1956 we were put on notice that the papers were to be sold and that Columbia had the first refusal at $75,000. (Curiously, this was precisely the figure which the Head of Special Collections had estimated their value to be, in a confidential memorandum prepared in 1953.)

Permission was obtained from the President's office for The Libraries to attempt to raise the necessary funds by gift. The Council of the Friends of the Columbia Libraries also approved the project, and a guiding committee made up of members of the Friends was formed, including Mrs. Harold Henderson, Mrs. Donald Hyde, Mr. Allan Nevins, Mr. Edmund Prentis, and Mr. Roland Baughman (Chairman). At its first meeting, two members of this committee subscribed sums totalling $10,000. It had been decided that the Bancroft fund could supply at least $15,000; thus with one third of the needed funds in sight the University entered into a formal contract to purchase the John Jay Papers, payment to be made in three equal installments.

The ensuing months were difficult but eventually successful. The Avalon Foundation of New York agreed to give $17,500 on a matching basis, and the Littauer Foundation pledged $1000. Hundreds of appeal letters were sent, and many donations were received from persons having no Columbia connection. In the final analysis, however, it was the Friends of the Columbia Libraries who made the difference between success and failure, as the recapitulation given below amply demonstrates. Exclusive of the contributions by Columbia and the foundations, members of the Friends gave more than eighty percent of the funds needed.

Columbia' share:	$15,913.65
From Foundations:	18,500.00
From Non-Friends (33):	7,024.77
From Friends (45):	~~33,561.58~~ (33,561.58)
	$75,000.00

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As this report is being written, the final payment has been made, and the 2000 items comprising the John Jay Papers are safely in the Columbia Libraries. Two celebrations are being planned: the first, to be held some time in November, will be especially for those who have directly assisted in the project; the second will be at the January (1958) meeting of the Friends, when the Jay Papers will be placed on public exhibition.

It was a tough fight, Ma, but I'll be home for supper!

The above are selections from a much larger number of gifts. In all, during the year 1956/57 a total of 15 collections, 419 books, 35 manuscripts, and 3 miscellaneous items were received in Special Collections. The total estimated value of these gifts is $57,857.50—which may be compared with last year's estimated value of gifts, $27,333.35. Of this year's gifts 5 collections, 39 books, 9 manuscripts, and 2 miscellaneous items, valued at $3,822.50, came from 16 members of the Friends, while 10 collections, 380 books, 26 manuscripts, and 1 item, valued at $54,035, came from 29 individuals who are not enrolled as Friends. (It should be noted, however, that the above takes no account of gifts that were made in support of the John Jay project.)

B. Acquisitions by Purchase

Later in this report Miss Bonnell summarizes the details of the growth of our collections; it will suffice to notice here some of the outstanding purchases that have been made by means of special endowments.

1. Bancroft fund: The diversion of all available Bancroft money to the John Jay project held other acquisitions by means of fund 4-293 to a minimum. Even so, some 229 items were purchased for Special Collections, among which are 112 autograph letters by various persons, including John A. Dix, Mary E. W. Freeman (9), Rufus Griswold (4), E. E. Hale (5), Alexander Hamilton (10), John Lechtrecker (66), Howard Pyle, C. D. Warner (15), and N. P. Willis. Two other

manuscripts were also purchased: T. B. Aldrich's autograph ms. of An Untold Story; and Thomas Farrell's ms. journal of the cruise of the U. S. S. Germantown, 1851-53.

In addition to these acquisitions account must be taken, of course, of the very large number of rare books purchased with Bancroft funds that are not administered by Special Collections.

2. Gonzalez Lodge fund: The Gonzalez Lodge fund (497) was quite active, with 86 items being purchased during the report year. Of these, four were early manuscript copies of classical texts, including a 15th-century rendering into Italian of Aesop's Fables; a very early 14th-century manuscript of Ovid's Epistolarium ex Ponto, libri IV; another manuscript of Ovid, ca. 1450; and a 12th-century manuscript of Sallust. Thirteen 15th-century printed editions were also added, of which the most noteworthy were the editio princeps of the works of Homer in Greek (Florence, 1488/89) and the Strassburg, 1499, edition of Terence's Comoediae with woodcut illustrations. By far the majority of the Lodge purchases, however, were 16th-century editions (60), including many vernacular translations; 17th-century editions numbered only 8 and 18th-century editions only 2.

3. The David Eugene Smith fund: Purchases by means of the Smith fund (482) were not numerous (17), but some of the acquisitions were of the first importance. Number one on the list must certainly be the Venice, 1520, edition of Tagliente's Libro d'Abaco, the earliest edition in this country and one of only two known copies. Also worthy of notice is Johannes Neudorffer's Anweysung einer gemeinen hanndschriften (Nuremberg, 1538) in a copy containing more of the original plates than any other on this side of the Atlantic; and Petrus Apianus' Inscriptione sacrosanctae vetustatis (Ingolstadt, 1534), with which is bound Sarayna's work on the early history of Verona (1540).

C. Premises and Staff

Reader use of Special Collections materials continues to increase, as the reports by Miss Bonnell and Mr. Lohf indicate. The largest increase is in the use of manuscripts, and this trend may be expected to persist, in view of the trend toward continued acquisition of manuscripts.

As a result, the present reading room facilities may be expected to become even less adequate, because users of manuscripts normally require more space than users of printed books. In any case, as reader use of Special Collections materials of all kinds continues to increase, the lack of adequate reading room facilitiss is bound to become critical. This situation is respectfully called to the attention of the Library authorities.

Only one major change in staff occurred during the report year. Miss Mary Rita Burns, after a decade of loyal and friendly service going back to her appointment in September of 1947, resigned on March 12, 1957. Her marriage and transfer to England took place shortly thereafter.

Her loss to the Department staff has been keenly felt, but the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Lohf on April 1, 1957, as Assistant Special Collections Librarian Readers Services, has ensured the smooth functioning of the department's reading room. Mr. Lohf had served previously as Senior Reference Assistant in the Libraries' Reference Department, and he brings to his new position a thorough knowledge of library procedures and purposes, as well as a high enthusiasm. These and his willing eagerness to serve have assured him a lasting place in the affections of his fellow staff-members.

Fuller details of the Department's work during the year will be found in the accompanying reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland Baughman
Head of Special Collections

To Dr. Richard H. Logsdon
Columbia University Libraries
July 1, 1957.

Appendix I: Care and Organization of the Collections

Alice Bonnell - Assistant Special Collections Librarian

I. Printed materials

Acquisition

The collections have been increased in 1956-57 by the addition of 3392 new volumes (2528 volumes catalogued and 864 volumes uncatalogued). This represents a decrease over last year's figure (4849) due to limited buying on the Bancroft fund. In the same proportion the number of new acquisitions catalogued shows a decrease from last year's figure (2936). The uncatalogued titles include 352 volumes of the publications of the Limited Editions Club, the gift of Mrs. George Macy, to be known as the "George Macy Memorial Collection"; two gifts of war posters (368 items) from Mrs. Corliss Lamont (75 items) and Mrs. G. MacCulloch Miller (293); First editions of Dickens, A Christmas Carol (London, 1843), Fielding, Henry, The History of Tom Jones (London, 1748), and Melville, Moby Dick (New York, 1851), the gifts of Mr. Solton Engel. 223 volumes were received from the Medical Library to be added to the Medical Deposit Collection.

Cataloging

Cataloging of printed materials has proceeded along usual lines this year with the concentration of work on cataloging of materials acquired in previous years (Smith, Spinoza, Seligman, Typographic, etc.). A total of 4618 volumes were processed from the department's holdings, almost twice as many as last year (2685). The collections were decreased by 841 volumes transferred from the Department. Chief among these are titles in the "Y" collection transferred to the General Library and Typographic to Graphic Arts. The total recorded holdings of the Department in printed materials stand at 202,443 volumes, of which approximately 68,500 volumes are uncatalogued.

II. Manuscripts

Acquisition

The Department's holdings have been increased by the addition of 214 manuscripts and 12 manuscript collections (ca. 55,000 items). The latter includes the files of the Federated Press (a news wire service) ca 100 file drawers; Papers relating to Otto Rank and Sigmund Freud; Papers of John Erskine; correspondence of Marie Curie and Mrs. William Brown Meloney (182 items); the Civil War letters of John Lutrecker (66 items); correspondence and papers of George Haven Putnam, etc., bringing the total recorded collections to 277. Of these 125 are arranged and indexed, 107 are arranged but not indexed, 45 are neither arranged nor indexed. One collection was added to the Author's Manuscripts - Grace Faulkner Ward. Additions were made also to the Adelman, Stephen Crane, Carnegie Endowment, Hitchcock, Komroff, Nevins, and Millen Brand Collections. 39 memoirs were added to the Oral History Research Project, including those of Melville Cane, John Robert Gregg, Luther Gulick, Bruno Lasker, David S. Muzzey, Nelson A. Rockefeller, Walter Sachs, etc.

Cataloging

8136 letters and documents were sorted and indexed for 21 collections, including Charles S. Daveis, Sydney Howard Gay, Alexander Hamilton, U. S. Civil War, David Eugene Smith, George A. Plimpton, and Lydia Sigourney. This represents a slight increase over last year's figure (7609) but is insufficient to keep pace with increased acquisitions in this field. Unexpected turn-over in personnel this year has forced the use of more staff time for service in the Reading Room. This often must be supplied by the manuscript processing assistant.

Care of the Collections

I. Binding

The increased amount of cataloging this year has brought a corresponding increase in the number of volumes requiring binding or repair. A more generous binding allotment has helped in part but the sum total of books currently received from the Cataloging Department which need binding or repair is far in excess of the budget.

During 1956-57 270 volumes were sent to Dess and Talen, the cost constituting our budget allotment. On July 1st, 1957, there were waiting for binding ca 400 volumes (almost twice as many as on July 1, 1956). These represent only newly cataloged materials and do not take into account repair and binding of materials already on the shelves. As may be seen, next year's budget is more than spent in caring for this backlog. In addition to materials sent to the commercial bindery, 303 volumes were repaired in the Binding Department and board portfolios were prepared for 1305 volumes.

II. Book Oiling

Oiling of leather bindings has proceeded very slowly this year as it has been difficult to allot much staff time to this project. About 100 bindings were oiled and polished during the year.

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	1956/57	1955/56	1954/55	1953/54
Readers' visits	4584	4487	4006	4111
Use on premises	12063	11346	10951	10380
Printed books	(9721)	(9626)	(9034)	(8994)
Manuscripts	(2342)	(1720)	(1917)	(1142)
Circulation	37	7	64	5
Intralibrary loan	1894	2456	2124	1186
Local Interlibrary loan	65	55	71	37
Cataloging Department	(4188)	(3522)	(2395)	(3304)
Binding Department	(1572)	(704)	(780)	(768)
Total use	14059	13864	13210	11608

(Note: Figures in parenthesis not included in total)

Growth of the Collections:

I - Printed materials

New Acquisitions catalogued		2528
"B"	1602	
"B" (doc. diss.)	291	
"B" (ms. cat.)	10	
Benjamin, Park	215	
Book Arts	146	
Columbiana (doc. diss)	51	
COA (master's essays)	34	
COP (Pulitzer Prizes)	11	
Epstean	30	
Howard, Bronson	19	
Jeanne d'Arc	5	
Lodge	65	
Microfilm	5	
Reference	21	
Smith	23	
Previous Acquisitions catalogued		4618
"B" (from Typo.)	104	
"B" (from Conway)	41	
"B" (from Prentis)	18	
"B" (from Science)	86	
Book Arts (from Typo.)	863	
Bronson Howard (from "Y")	5	
Montgomery	72	
Seligman	1527	
Smith	312	
Spinoza	1391	
Historical maps catalogued		151

Total printed materials catalogued		7297
New Acquisitions uncatalogued		864
"B"	17	
Berlioz	1	
Engel	3	
Dick	32	
Kernochan	70	
Lodge	7	
Plimpton	14	
Limited Ed.	352	
War Posters	368	
Additions to deposit collections (not included in department's holdings)		223
Medical	223	
Transferred from Special Collections		841
"Y" to General Library	390	
Book Arts to General Library	11	
Typographic to Graphic Arts	357	
Book Arts - discarded	71	
"B" - discarded	6	
Typographic - discarded	6	
Total recorded holdings - Printed materials 6/30/56		199,892
New acquisitions catalogued		2,528
New acquisitions uncatalogued		864
		203,284
Transfers from Special Collections		- 841
Total recorded holdings - Printed materials 6/30/57		202,443

II - Manuscripts and manuscript collections

New Acquisitions

Individual manuscripts	214	
Manuscript collections	12	(ca 55,000 items)
(and additions to 8 collections already received)		
"Y"	6	
Author's manuscripts	1	
Oral History Research Office	39	
Individual manuscripts processed		8136 (from 21 collections)

Total recorded manuscript holdings 6/30/57

"Y" (book manuscripts catalogued)	2215
Author's manuscripts	32

Archival collections (papers and correspondence). 277
Arranged and indexed. 125
Arranged but not indexed. 107
Neither arranged nor indexed. 45

III. Number of titles for which catalog cards have been received and filed . . . 5755

IV. Reference letters written by assistant librarians 154

Appendix II: Use of the Collections

Kenneth A. Lohf - Assistant Special Collections Librarian, Readers' Services 75

The major change in the Reading Room this past year has been the resignation on March 13th of Mary Rita Burns, Assistant Librarian in charge of Readers' Services. She had been on the staff of Special Collections for approximately ten years. On April first, her position was filled by Kenneth A. Lohf, who was formerly Senior Reference Assistant in the Reference Department.

There have been several changes in the physical aspect of the Reading Room. Foremost among them was the shifting of the Reference collection from Stack 12 to the balcony of the Reading Room. This collection has been arranged according to broad subject areas, and a card catalog of these books has been marked with their locations on the shelves and placed at the circulation desk.

To increase reader interest in the collections of the department, an exhibition case was placed in the Reading Room. Exhibits are arranged to display the various aspects of the different name collections; during the past year these have included Sources of Shakespeare's plays, Valentines from the Gay, Stedman and Conway Collections, the Seligman Library, the Kilroe Collection, and Playbills from the Conway Collection. These exhibits are changed approximately every six weeks, and they afford an opportunity to illustrate the extent and diversity of our collections to visitors and readers.

In December 1956, the Plimpton Portraits of literary figures which had hung around the balcony on the west end of the Reading Room were lent for a period of five years to Dr. Calvin Plimpton of New York City. Their absence is a source of regret since these oil paintings did much to enhance the interest of the room.

Various clerical projects worthy of note that were undertaken during the year include the following: A stack list for Short Title Catalog books and

the marking of the S.T.C. printed catalog; A card catalog and stack list for the Medical Deposit Collection; Continuing work on the "B" Collection shelf list.

Several persons or groups have proved to be frequent users of Special Collections. Staff members of the Alexander Hamilton Project, particularly Mr. Jacob E. Cooke, have used Hamilton materials extensively. Dr. A. E. Millgram of the Jewish Theological Seminary continues to consult numerous first editions in compiling an anthology of modern poetry. Prof. Lewis Leary of the English department used the Gouverneur Morris Papers in search of material on literary figures of the 1770's. Prof. Herman Ausubel of the History department has made extensive use of the correspondence and other papers of various late-nineteenth century English political figures. Prof. David Donald of the History department consulted the letters of Charles Sumner in several collections. Prof. Oscar Handlin of Harvard University used various Oral History Research Office reminiscences and material from the Kilroe Collection. Other notable visitors and researchers included Richard Brown, Joseph Dorfman, Gerald W. Johnson, George F. Kennan, Angela Daneu Lattanzi, August Menchen, John H. McGiffert, Charles E. Passage, Louis Ruchames and Leonard Shapiro.

The use of materials has shown a substantial increase this year, particularly the use of manuscript materials which is 622 items above the 1955-56 total. This is doubtless due to our increased manuscript holdings, for it is apparent that greater resources attract greater usage. In addition, several readers, among them Professors Ausubel, Donald and Leary, have made extensive use this past year of manuscript collections in connection with special projects on which they have been working, and this fact also helps account for the increase. With the forth-coming addition of the extensive John Jay Papers to our collections and the widespread publicity they are bound to receive, we

can anticipate a continuing rise in manuscript usage during the coming years.

During the coming year several projects will merit attention and consideration. Foremost among them is the need for enlarging the catalog space, particularly in the Chronological File. A new sixty-drawer catalog is on order, and it will be simply a matter of rearrangement and expansion when this catalog is delivered to the department. Another matter that will bear consideration is that of providing more adequate facilities for researchers who find it necessary to carry on their work in semi-private areas. Up to now these readers have been assigned desks in back of the circulation area on stack 12, but the need for electrical outlets, ventilation and freedom from noise and other interference, along with the necessity of supervising these readers, make this arrangement somewhat less than satisfactory. The final item needing attention concerns the Reference Collection in the Reading Room. It would be desirable to formulate the limits and scope of this collection, so that the subject areas covered by it would not seriously overlap with similar collections in other parts of the library and yet would continue to satisfy the needs of readers who find it necessary to use reference materials in conjunction with their work in this department. Some sort of standard is needed by which future purchases could be more easily determined and justified, and this would, in effect, form some basis for weeding out material that has no reference value for this department.

Appendix III: Exhibitions

Joan H. Baum - Assistant to the Head of Special Collections

1. Great Printing Through the Centuries. Prepared by Roland Baughman. Butler Library, third floor. July 1 - September 15, 1956.

2. Events at Columbia Libraries. Prepared by Joan H. Baum. One case of photographs of high-light occasions at the Libraries. Butler Library, main lobby. April 16 - August 1, 1956.

3. The Writings of Stephen Crane (1871-1900), Author of the Red Badge of Courage. An exhibition of books, manuscripts, letters and photographs from Columbia's Crane Collection and the collection of C. Waller Barrett, generously lent for the occasion, and supplemented by several items from the Berg Collection at the New York Public Library and from Indiana University. Printed catalogue. Exhibition prepared and catalogue written by Joan H. Baum; foreword to the catalogue written by Professor Lewis Leary of the English Department. Butler Library, third floor. September 17 - November 30, 1956. (Selections from the exhibition were shown in the Rotunda, Low Library, on November 13, 1956, on which evening there was a Friends meeting with the program devoted to Crane.)

4. Grabhorn Press. Works of Modern American Writers. Prepared by Mary Rita Burns. 654 Butler Library. One case. October 14 - October 20, 1956. This was the first of a continuing series of one-case exhibitions in the Reading Room of the Department of Special Collections aimed at showing to the reader something of the resources of the department which would perhaps be outside his special field and therefore unknown to him.

5. Sources of Shakespeare's Plays. Prepared by Mary Rita Burns. One case, 654 Butler Library. October 22, 1956 - February 10, 1957.

6. The Work of Arthur Rackham, Illustrator. Selected from the collection recently presented to the Columbia University Libraries by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Berol. Included book illustration, magazine work, commercial work. Original watercolors, ink-drawings and proofs as well as published work was shown. Prepared by Roland Baughman. Printed leaflet (4 p.). December 17, 1956 - April 18, 1957.

7. Papers of the Late John Erskine. (A.B., 1900; M.A., 1901; Ph.D., 1903) Manuscripts, published works, letters, photographs and memorabilia. Rotunda, Low Library. Formal presentation of the papers was made at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Columbia Library on January 16, 1957. The exhibition remained on view until February 12, 1957. Arranged by Roland Baughman with the generous assistance of Mrs. Helen Erskine.

8. Valentines. 1 case. 654 Butler Library. February 14 - February 16, 1957. Prepared by Mary Rita Burns, who was interested in them at the time.

9. Abraham Lincoln. Books, prints and photographs from the collection of Lincolniana formed by John Wesley Hill and presented to Columbia University in 1943 by his son, Colonel John Warren Hill. Butler Library, third floor. Two cases. Prepared by Roland Baughman. February 15 - April 18, 1957.

10. Fine Bindings. Interesting, unusual and especially well-designed book-bindings, selected from the Book Arts Collection. One case. Main lobby, Butler Library. Prepared by Roland Baughman. February 15 - April 3, 1957.

11. Seligman Collection. Selections from the Seligman Collection of books, pamphlets, etc., on economic history, housed in Special Collections. One case. 654 Butler Library. Prepared by June Lord-Wood. February 16 - March 30, 1957.

12. Monumentum Aere Perennius. An exhibition of medieval and Renaissance manuscripts and early printed editions of ten Greek and Latin writers. For the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States held at Columbia on April 26-27, 1957. Shown also were some books and photographs of leading classical scholars of the past from Columbia. Prepared by Roland Baughman. Butler Library, third floor. April 26 - July 1, 1957.

13. Geroge Macy Memorial Collection. Selections from a collection of books issued by the Limited Editions Club and presented to the University by Mrs. George Macy in memory of her late husband, founder of the club. Formal presentation on May 14, 1957, in the Rotunda, Low Library. The books were on view in the Rotunda from May 14 - June 28, 1957. It was then brought over to Butler Library, third floor, where it is to remain on view throughout the summer. Prepared by Roland Baughman.

14. Pulitzer Prize Awards. An exhibition of various types of materials submitted in the Pulitzer Prize competition. One case. Prepared by Alice Bonnell. Butler Library, main lobby. May 1, 1957 -

15. Kilroe Collection. Selections from the Kilroe Collection of books, pamphlets and other materials relating to Tammany. One case. 654 Butler. Prepared by Kenneth Lohf. April 1, 1957 -

16. Books Relating to Antartica. One case. Prepared by Kenneth Lohf. Butler Library, main lobby. June 3, 1957 -

Columbia University Libraries
Archive of Russian and East European History and Culture
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General.

The Archive is well known to the entire East European emigration as the central instance of deposit of historical materials. This is attested by our extensive correspondence and the acquisitions from various countries of Europe, Asia, Africa, both Americas, and Australia. Almost every exile is confident that the Archive always comes to rhe rescue of all those valuable materials which are threatened by destruction and oblivion, that the Archive fulfills to the last letter all conditions and restrictions imposed by the owners or custodians of accepted materials, and that the Archive never pursues any political goals, but is dedicated to the historical science, and is always trying to assist the objective scholar in performance of his task.

Main Purpose.

The Archive continues to execute its major task of gathering together the historical materials, since if not so gathered, many of these materials would be forever lost to any researchist-historian.

Year's Acquisitions.

According to the Inventory Card Index the following are the materials which the Archive has collected during the past year.

Archival collections (every collection as a unit) - 21 colls.

Manuscripts (mostly memoirs) - 82 mss.

Epistolary collections - 12.

Special collections of various materials - 37.
Of these materials, 65% were acquired on a gift status and 35% were purchased with small token payments.

Study and Appraisal.

Each acquisition required extensive preliminary studies, research of its background, and lastly, the most delicate problem of all - a fair appraisal.

Correspondence Prior to Acquisition.

Almost every one of the materials acquired was the result of an extensive search and lengthy correspondence.

Résumés.

Each acquisition was based on a résumé (summary) concerning its nature and value. The number of these résumés totalled about 120 for this year.

Subject and Person Card Index.

As soon as the acquired materials were read, cards were made out for them to constitute a Subject and Person (Name) Index which should cover all acquisitions.

Use of Materials.

In accordance with permission from Professor Philip E. Mosely, there were in the current year 38 Columbia University students visits. They used the materials pertaining to the first Russian Revolution of 1905, the constitutional movement in Russia in 1906 - 1916; the revolutionary parties of S.-R. and S.-D. (Menshe-

plans in the East in 1914-1918; the February Revolution on 1917 and Civil War in 1917-1922; the Volunteer Army and Allied Intervention in South Russia (1918-1920); the Soviet Industrialization Controversy; the history of the CPSU; the Soviet Higher Education; Soviet Marxism and the Philosophy of Natural Science.
Non-Columbia University scholars paid 34 visits. They used the materials pertaining to the zemstvo movement in 1870-1916; the development of manufacturing and banking; the Congresses of Industry and Trade in 1906-1917; Russian Empire and Britain in World War I; the Provisional Government of 1917; Russian-American relations in 1900-1917; Soviet-American relations in 1917-1933; the Soviet Nationalities Policy; the Komsomol; thr Soviet Agriculture developments; the Ukraine and Crimea; the National Communusm in the Soviet Ukraine in 1921-1940; the developments in the USSR during the World War II and the post-war era.

Prospects for the Coming Year.

Grounds have already been prepared for the acquisition of many new materials which enter the Archive within the coming year.

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viks and Bolsheviks); the World War I; the February Revolution of 1917; the movement against Bolsheviks in various regions of Russia in 1917-1922; the internal developments in the USSR in 1920-1940; the World War II; and the general situation on the USSR in the post-war period.

Non-Columbia University scholars paid 31 visits. They used the Alexinsky collection (1907-1920); materials pertaining to Zemstvo (1900-1917); materials concerning the Liberal and Revolutionary movements in 1900-1914; the Zenzinov collection; materials concerning the World War I and the Revolution of 1917; materials on the history of the Imperial Army; materials on the American-Russian relations in 1917-1920; materials concerning the USSR in 1925-1940, the history of the CPSU, the developments in the USSR during the World War II and the post-war era, the Caucasian and Transcaucasian Region, the Ukraine, and Northern Regions in 1920-1950; and the materials concerning the problem of minorities.

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Editor's Note: Although the other articles in this issue are related to railways, for diversity of interest we are including this article in which Professor Mosely brings up to date the description of the riches of the Russian Archive, which he first portrayed in the February, 1953, issue of this periodical.

HOW was the great humanist, Maxim Gorky, transformed into a political partisan of the totalitarian wing of the Russian revolutionary movement? Fascinating new light will be thrown on his spiritual and literary evolution by the forthcoming publication of *Letters of Gorky and Andreev, 1899–1912* (Columbia University Press, 1958). Of the 101 letters published here, 89 are being published for the first time, thanks to a Columbia initiative. A talented young writer, Leonid Andreev, whom Gorky assisted in many ways and with whom he finally broke because of their increasingly divergent political and literary sympathies, was the frequent recipient of Gorky's frank and often passionate comments on the Russian scene. Because the Columbia University Libraries were enabled in 1951 to acquire this unique collection and to safeguard it in Columbia's Archive of Russian and East European History and Culture, students of Russian literature are now awaiting eagerly the publication of this important addition to our understanding of Maxim Gorky.*

Our understanding of another great Russian writer and thinker,

* The difficult task of identifying the largely undated letters and preparing commentaries was carried out by Professor Peter Yershov at the initiative of Professor Ernest J. Simmons; the translation was made by Miss Lydia Weston (Mrs. Veselin Kesich), with assistance from the Research Program on the U.S.S.R. (East European Fund, Inc.); a grant from the Committee for the Promotion of Advanced Slavic Cultural Studies, Incorporated, made possible their publication.

Alexander Herzen, has been similarly enriched through the services of the Russian Archive. A rebel against absolutism and serfdom, Herzen inspired the liberal and peasantophile struggles of the Russian intelligentsia during several decades of the mid-nineteenth century. Several years ago a large collection of his unpublished letters was donated by his great-granddaughter, Madame Charles Rist, to the Archive, and has now been published. The letters, rich in Herzen's comments on Russia's own problems and prospects, also throw much new light on his alternating feelings of attraction and repulsion for the freer countries of the West.*

Among the Archive's unique collections are also the letters of Count Leo Tolstoy to his principal English translator and literary interpreter, Aylmer Maude. Throwing light, as they do, on Tolstoy's wide-ranging thought and his methods of creative work, this correspondence, when deciphered, annotated and published, will be a valuable contribution by Columbia to the study of Russia's greatest novelist.

The Theatre in Soviet Russia (Columbia University Press, 1957) by Nikolai A. Gorchakov, has been hailed by Brooks Atkinson and others as the most important study of the rise and decline of the Russian theatre over the last sixty years. Until his flight from the Soviet Union Mr. Gorchakov was a direct participant in the struggle for a free theater, and he speaks with unequalled authority as its leading chronicler today. The complete manuscript of his study, which is twice as long as the published book, has been deposited with the Columbia Archive, for the benefit of later scholars.†

* To be published in 1958 as a single volume, following serial publication in *The New Review*. Herzen's difficult handwriting and multilingual style were deciphered by Professor L. L. Domherr, who also prepared careful commentaries. The editing and publication of *Unpublished Letters of A. I. Herzen to N. I. and T. A. Astrakov* (in Russian) were made possible by the assistance of the Research Program on the U.S.S.R. (East European Fund, Inc.).

† The preparation, translation and publication of this book, translated by Edgar Lehrman, were assisted by grants from the Rockefeller Foundation to Columbia's Department of Slavic Languages and to the Russian Institute, by the Committee for the Promotion of Advanced Slavic Cultural Studies, Inc., and by the Institute for the Study of the U.S.S.R., Munich. The project was initiated and supervised by Professor Ernest J. Simmons.

At any given time, from ten to fifteen research projects are being carried on in the comfortable workroom provided by the Columbia University Libraries on the top floor of Butler Library, in close proximity to the locked cage which houses the Archive's rapidly growing collections. In the preface to *The Challenge of Soviet Education* (1957), Professor George S. Counts, emeritus, of Teacher's College, acknowledges the valuable assistance which he received from the Archive. Columbia's large Alexinsky collection of unpublished materials on the Russian revolutionary movement from the 1890's to 1922 is now being studied intensively by Boris I. Nicolaevsky, noted historian of the Russian revolution. Under the auspices of the Research Program on the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Mr. Nicolaevsky is clarifying a wide range of disputed points in the development of the Social Democratic movement, and particularly of Lenin's Bolshevik wing. His painstaking searchings and scrutiny of the unpublished sources provide an indispensable corrective to the repeated Soviet rewritings of the history of the Bolshevist Party.

The Columbia Archive has been especially fortunate in receiving a wide range of memoirs by leaders of the *Zemstvos*, the remarkable system of provincial self-government established by Alexander II, as well as by well informed officials of the imperial administration. *The Truth About Stolypin* (New York, 1957, in Russian), by Professor Alexander V. Zenkovsky, based in part on the collections of the Archive, throws much new light on the actions and plans of Peter Stolypin, who, until his assassination in 1911, was doing so much to modernize the administrative, agrarian and industrial life of imperial Russia. Iraklii G. Tseretelli, a leading participant in the revolution of 1917, has published several excerpts from his detailed analysis of these events; the complete text is deposited at Harvard and at the Columbia Archive.

Other important studies which are based in substantial measure on the collections of the Columbia Archive deal with the development of Soviet-American relations since 1917, the evolution of Russia's semi-constitutional regime from 1906 to 1914, the efforts

and failures of the Provisional Government of 1917, the foreign policy of General Denikin's regime in South Russia, 1918–19, the development of the Soviet political police, and the establishment of Soviet rule in the Caucasus region.

The Columbia Archive is especially rich for the study of the House of Romanov in its last decades, the political and revolutionary movements of the last eighty years, the Russo-Japanese War of 1904–05 and the World War of 1914–17, and the development of Russian industry and banking. It has unique materials on the history of the Civil War in Russia, and on the political life of the emigration after 1920. It is very rich in the history of Russian literary and philosophical thought in exile and has important materials provided by the newer exiles of World War II. The Archive is also the repository of the unpublished memoirs and studies assembled by the Research Program on the U.S.S.R. (East European Fund, Inc.), 1951–55, and the Research Program on the History of the C.P.S.U. (since 1955).

The Archive is under the highly competent and devoted day-to-day management of its Curator, Mr. Lev F. Magerovsky, who also served for many years as Assistant Director of the Russian Archive Abroad, in Prague. Professor Michael M. Karpovich, emeritus, of Harvard University, serves as chairman of a Sponsoring Committee, made up of outstanding Russian leaders and thinkers, and Philip E. Mosely, Director of the Russian Institute, 1951–55, is chairman of the Administrative Committee.

Through the constant cooperation of Dr. Richard H. Logsdon, Director of the Libraries, Mr. Roland Baughman, Head of Special Collections, and other officers of the Libraries, the Archive has been equipped with excellent facilities for its work and its administrative needs are well taken care of. Apart from these facilities and services, the Archive's modest budget is provided by Columbia's Russian Institute, through a generous research grant made by the Rockefeller Foundation. For the most part its collections have been donated or deposited by their owners or authors, to whom future generations of scholars will owe an immense debt of gratitude.

For some of the donors, extremely hard-pressed by advancing years, illness or need, the Archive provides a very modest token compensation for the great services they have rendered in preserving, cataloguing and commenting on their collections. In some cases, of course, the Archive has failed to acquire very valuable collections because its slender budget did not permit it to offer a well deserved compensation of slightly more than token size.

The rapid growth of the Archive of Russian and East European History and Culture, since it was established in July, 1951, has been due primarily to the high reputation which it has won among all sections of Russians scattered throughout the free world. By its meticulous handling of each collection—whether it consists of a single brief memorandum or fragment, or of many thousands of pages of letters or memoirs—it has gained the confidence of all parts of the emigration, from convinced monarchists to disillusioned Communists.

Each day's mail brings both inquiries and materials from many countries of the free world, as people devoted to preserving for future generations the records of Russian life and culture decide to entrust their valued papers, often preserved at great sacrifice and through several catastrophes, to a reliable and well-run repository, free of all political pressures or biases and dedicated to the objective search for truth.

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	Coll.	Books	Mss.	Objects	
Adelman *	1*				180.
Bancroft, Prof.*		1*			5.
Bigongiari, Mrs.		1			10.
Blake			1		15.
Carter		1			20.
Clark *			1*		25.
Cruikshank		2			10.
Davenport			1		5.
S Deriken	1				—
Drake *		3*	1*		15—
Engel *		8*			1,035—
Erskine	1				2,500—
F Evans, Prof.			1		25—
Fed. Press	1				500—
Friedman *		17*	3*	2*	285—
Graham		2	2		75—
Green			1		10—
Groce				1	5—
F Hagen *		1			95—
Herrick			7		75—
Hitchcock *	1				10—
Joffé *		6			165—
Kimbrough		1			50—
Lake-M. *		1			32.50
Lamont *	1				1,825—
Leach			1		25—
Macy	[redacted]	356			4,780—
Maquiel *	1				50—

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Maloney	1	1	3		30,000- (?)
Miller	1				2,930-
Mott *			1		5-
Neare			2		20-
Nevins *	1				25-
Oconor		7			20-
Peters			4		100-
Plimpton *		2			50-
Putnam	1				75-
Rainer		6			25-
Simon	1				100-
Stolper	1				—
Sykora		1			50-
Taft	1	1	3		10,000-
Tindall *			3		30-
Zigrosser		1			100-
Harrison	1				2,500-
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Adelman	1				180—
Bancroft		1			5~
Clark			1		25~
Drake		3	1		15~
Engel		8			1035~
Friedman		17	3	2	285~
Hazen		1			85~
Hitchcock	1				10~
Joffe		6			165~
Lada-M		1			32.50
Lamont	1				1,825~
Magiel	1				50~
Mott			1		5~
Nevins	1				25~
Plimpton		2			50—
Tindall			3		30~
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		380			54,035 —

CIRCULATION

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

LIBRARY Special Collections

DATE 1956-57

	I. USE IN LIBRARY				II. CIRCULATION			
	A. Reserve		B. Non-reserve		A. Reserve		B. Non-reserve	
Units	1. Signed	2. Shelving	1. Signed	2. Shelving				
Books				9721				5
Unbound periodic.								
Vertical file								
Graphic Materials								
Micro-film								
Phonograph Records								
Catalogs								
Rental Reserve								
~~Mss.~~				2342				
Portraits								32
				12063				37
Sub Total								
Grand TOTAL								12100

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III. INTER & INTRA LIBRARY LOANS	
A. Interlib. loan service	
B. Local inter. loan service	65
C. Intralib. loan service	1268
D. Photo service	626
E. Technical service	5760
TOTAL	7719
Attendance Total door count	4584
Attendance Average spot check	
Hours open during ~~month~~	2413
Receipts for rental reserves	

For notes and comments use additional sheet

CIRCULATION

MONTHLY STATISTICS

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LIBRARY Special Collections DATE: 1956-57

Units	I. USE IN LIBRARY		II. CIRCULATION	
	A. Reserve 1.Signed 2.Shelving	B. Non-reserve 1.Signed 2.Shelving	A. Reserve	B. Non-reserve
Books		9721		5
Unbound Periodic				
Vertical File				
Graphic Materials				
Micro-film				
Phonograph Records				
Catalogs				
Rental Reserve				
Mss		2342		
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UNCATALOGUED BOOKS AND SERIALS
HELD IN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS JUNE 30, 1957

Barnouw Purchase	192
Catalogued 1956/57	10
Uncatalogued 6/30/57	182
Benjamin, William	188
Berlioz	157
Berol	804
Book Arts	267
Acquired	78
Catalogued 1956/57	320
Uncatalogued 6/30/57	25
Children's Historical Collection	1421
Catalogued 1956/57	200
Uncatalogued 6/30/57	1221
Conway	306
Catalogued 1956/57	41
Uncatalogued 6/30/57	265
Coykendall	319
Crane, Hart	38
Crane, Stephen	105
Dale	1000
Engel	65
Acquired 1956/57	3
Uncatalogued 6/30/57	68
Haller	80
Harris-Oliphant	116
Hill	150
Hitchcock	86
Hoe	33
Jones	258
Kent	1400
Lodge	1123
Acquired 1956/57	72
Catalogued 1956/57	86
Uncatalogued 6/30/57	1130
Manuscript books ("X")	166
Acquired 1956/57	4
Catalogued 1956/57	16
Uncatalogued 6/30/57	104
Matthews, Brander	564
Montgomery (transfer from business)	1052
Transferred 1956/57	72
To be transferred	980
Prentis	243
Catalogued 1956/57	18
Uncatalogued 6/30/57	225
Plimpton	11014
Acquired 1956/57	14
Uncatalogued 6/30/57	11028
Salmans Collection	160
Seligman	19828
Catalogued 1956/57	1527
Uncatalogued 6/30/57	18301
Smith	9085 +23
Catalogued 1956/57	335
Uncatalogued 6/30/57	8750 + 23
Spinoza	2420

Spinoza		2420
	Catalogued 1956/57	1391
	Uncatalogued 6/30/57	1029
Typographic		16990
	Catalogued 1956/57	1181
	Uncatalogued 6/30/57	15809
Science Collections		3240
	Transferred 1956/57	90
	To be transferred 6/30/57	3150
	TOTAL UNCATALOGUED 6/30/57	67437

SERIALS

Benjamin, Park	175	titles
Coykendall	23	titles
Catalogued 1956/57	5	"
Uncatalogued 6/30/57	18	"
[illegible]roe	110	"
Microfilm	728	reels
School of Library Service	150	titles

STATISTICS
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	1956/57	1955/56	1954/55	1953/54
Readers' visits	4584	4487	4006	4111
Use on premises	12063	11346	10961	10330
Printed books	(9721)	(9626)	(9034)	(9094)
Manuscripts	(2342)	(1720)	(1917)	(1142)
Circulation	37	7	64	8
Intralibrary loan	1894	2488	2124	1188
Local Interlibrary loan	65	58	71	57
Cataloging Department	(4188)	(3822)	(2306)	(3304)
Binding Department	(1572)	(704)	(700)	(708)
Total use	~~14059~~	13864	13210	11608

(Note: Figures in parenthesis not included in total)

Growth of the Collections:

I - Printed materials

New Acquisitions catalogued 2523

"p"	1802
"y" (doc.diss.)	291
"B" (ms.cat.)	10
Benjamin, Park	215
Book Arts	142
Columbiana (doc diss)	51
COA (master's essays)	54
COP (Pulitzer Prizes)	11
Epstean	30
Howard, Bronson	15
Jeanne d'Arc	5
Lodge	85
Microfilm	5
Reference	21
Smith	23

Previous Acquisitions catalogued 4618

"B" (from Typo.)	104
"B" (from Conway)	41
"B" (from Prentis)	18
"B" (from Science)	08
Book Arts (from Typo.)	903
Bronson Howard (from "Y")	5
Montgomery	72
Seligman	1527
Smith	312
Spinoza	1391

Historical maps catalogued 151

Total printed materials catalogued 7297

New Acquisitions uncatalogued. 864

"B".	17
Berlioz.	1
Engel.	3
Dick	32
Kernochan.	70
Lodge.	7
Plimpton	14
Limited Ed.	352
War Posters.	368

Additions to deposit collections 223
(not included in departments holdings)

Medical.	223

Transferred from Special Collections 941

"Y" to General Library	390
Book Arts to General Library	11
Typographic.to Graphic Arts.	337
Book Arts - discarded.	71
"B" - discarded.	6
Typographic - discarded.	6

Total recorded holdings - Printed materials 6/30/56. . . . . ~~140,000~~ 199,892
New acquisitions catalogued. . . . . ~~2,000~~ 2,528
New acquisitions uncatalogued. . . . . ~~800~~ 864
~~142,000~~ 203,284
Transfers from Special Collections . . . . . - ~~841~~ 841
Total recorded holdings - Printed materials 6/30/57. . . . . ~~141,000~~ 202,443

II - Manuscripts and manuscript collections

New Acquisitions

Individual manuscripts.	214
Manuscript collections.	12 (ca 55,000 items)
(and additions to 8 collections already received)	
"X".	6
Author's manuscripts.	1
Oral History Research Office	39

Individual manuscripts processed 8136
(from 21 collections)

Total recorded manuscript holdings 6/30/57

"X" (book manuscripts catalogued). . . .	2215
Author's manuscripts	32

Archival collections (papers and correspondance) . 277
Arranged and indexed. 125
Arranged but not indexed. 107
Neither arranged nor indexed. 45

III. Number of titles for which catalog cards have been received and filed ... 5755

IV. Reference letters written by assistant librarians. 154

Growth and Organization of the Collections

I. Printed materials

Acquisition

The collections have been increased in 1956-57 by the addition of 3392 new volumes (2528 volumes catalogued and 864 volumes uncatalogued). This represents a decrease over last year's figure (4849) due to limited buying on the Bancroft fund. In the same proportion the number of new acquisitions catalogued shows a decrease from last year's figure (2936). The uncatalogued titles include 352 volumes of the publications of the Limited Editions Club, the gift of Mrs. George Macy, to be known as the "George Macy Memorial Collection"; two gifts of war posters (368 items) from Mrs. Corliss Lamont (75 items) and Mrs. C. MacCulloch Miller (293); First editions of Dickens , A Christmas Carol, London, 1843, Fielding, Henry, The History of Tom Jones, London, 1748, and Melville, Moby Dick, New York, 1851, the gift of Mr. Solton Engel. 223 volumes were received from the Medical Library to be added to the Medical Deposit Collection.

Cataloging

Cataloging of printed materials has proceeded along usual lines this year with the concentration of work on cataloging of materials acquired in previous years (Smith, Spinoza, Seligman, Typographic, etc.). A total of 4618 volumes were processed from the department's holdings, almost twice as many as last year (2685). The collections were decreased by 841 volumes transferred from the Department. Chief among these are titles in the "Y" collection transferred to the General Library and Typographic to Graphic Arts. The total recorded holdings of the Department in printed materials stand at 202,443 volumes, of which approximately 68,500 volumes are uncatalogued.

II. Manuscripts

Acquisition

The Department's holdings have been increased by the addition of 214 manuscripts and 12 manuscript collections (ca 55,000 items). The latter includes the files of the Federated Press (a news wire service) ca 100 file drawers; Papers relating to Otto Rank and Sigmund Freud; Papers of John Erskine; correspondence of Marie Curie and Mrs. William Brown Meloney (182 items); the Civil War letters of John Lutrecker (66 items); correspondence and papers of George Haven Putnam, etc., bringing the total recorded collections to 277. Of these 125 are arranged and indexed, 107 are arranged but not indexed, 45 are neither arranged nor indexed. One collection was added to the Author's Manuscripts - Grace Faulkner Ward. Additions were made also to the Adelman, Stephen Crane, Carnegie Endowment, Hitchcock, Komroff, Nevins, and Millen Brand Collections. 39 memoirs were added to the Oral History Research Project, including those of Melville Cane, John Robert Gregg, Luther Gulick, Bruno Lasker, David S. Muzzey, Nelson A. Rockefeller, Walter Sachs, etc.

Cataloging

8136 letters and documents were sorted and indexed for 21 collections, including Charles S. Daveis, Sydney Howard Gay, Alexander Hamilton, U. S. Civil War, David Eugene Smith, George A. Plimpton, and Lydia Sigourney. This represents a slight increase over last year's figure (7609) but is insufficient to keep pace with increased acquisitions in this field. Unexpected tunr-over in personnel this year has forced the use of more staff time for service in the Reading Room. This often must be supplied by the manuscript processing assistant.

Care of the Collections

I. Binding

The increased amount of cataloging this year has brought a corresponding

in increase in the number of volumes requiring binding or repair. A more generous binding allottment has helped in part but the sum total of books currently received from the Cataloging Department which need binding or repair is far in excess of the budget.

During 1956-57 270 volumes were sent to Dess and Talen, the cost constituting our budget allottment. On July 1st, 1957, there were waiting for binding ca 400 volumes (almost twice as many as on July 1, 1956). These represent only newly catalogued materials and do not take into account repair and binding of materials already on the shelves. As may be seen, next year's budget is more than spent in caring for this backlog. In addition to materials sent to the commercial bindery, 303 volumes were repaired in the Binding Department and board portfolios were prepared for 1305 volumes.

II. Book Oiling

Oiling of leather bindings has proceeded very slowly this year as it has been difficult to allot much staff time to this project. About 100 bindings were oiled and polished during the year.